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1. FIGURES FOR CZECHOSLOVAK EXPORTS AND IMPORTS FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1973, JUST RECEIVED FROM "RAPID" AGENCY, INDICATE THAT CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES IS CONTINUING TO RISE AT FASTER RATE THAN TRADE WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AS EARLIER INDICATED BY MID-YEAR FIGURES (REFTEL).

2. EXPORT FIGURES THROUGH END OF AUGUST ARE:

- A) OVERALL EXPORTS 64.8 PERCENT OF TOTAL 1973 PLAN
- B) EXPORTS TO SOCIALISTS 64 PERCENT OF 1973 PLAN
- C) EXPORTS TO CAPITALISTS 66 PERCENT OF 1973 PLAN
- D) OVERALL RISE IN EXPORTS 10.8 PERCENT OVER COMPARABLE 1972 PERIOD
- E) RISE IN EXPORTS TO SOCIALISTS 9.4 PERCENT
- F) RISE IN EXPORTS TO CAPITALISTS 12.9 PERCENT

3. IMPORT FIGURES THROUGH END AUGUST:

- A) OVERALL IMPORTS 56.7 PERCENT OF TOTAL 1973 PLAN

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B) IMPORTS FROM SOCIALISTS 58.4 PERCENT

- C) IMPORTS FROM CAPITALISTS 54.2 PERCENT
- D) OVERALL RISE IN IMPORTS 15 PERCENT
- E) RISE IN IMPORTS FROM SOCIALISTS 9.7 PERCENT
- F) RISE IN IMPORTS FROM CAPITALISTS 23.4 PERCENT

4. OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR U.S. EXPORTERS IS FACT THAT
23.4 PERCENT RISE IN IMPORTS FROM WEST IS EVEN LESS THAN PLANNED,
SINCE IN FIRST TWO-THIRDS OF YEAR ONLY 54.2 PERCENT OF PLAN WAS
FILLED (3.C ABOVE).
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